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SUBJ: EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS: MARCH 16 QUARTERLY
FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, BRUSSELS.

REF: BRUSSELS 1459

SUMMARY: BESIDES DISCUSSION OF CSCE AND RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM, (SEPTELS) EC NINE QUARTERLY FONMINISTERS MEETING UNDER DAVIGNON UMBRELLA ALSO DISCUSSED EC RELATIONS WITH CHINA, MEMBER STATE RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA, MANDATES FOR SUBGROUP ON ASIA AND MIDEAST, AID TO STATES OF INDOCHINA, US/ EUROPEAN RELATIONS, SECOND DAVIGNON REPORT AND EC NINE RELATIONSHIP TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE. NEXT POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING WILL BE APRIL 11/12 INSTEAD OF MARCH 29/30 AS EARLIER PLANNED. FONMINISTERS WILL CONVENE NEXT JUNE 5 AT BRUSSELS AND THEREAFTER SEPT 10/11 AND NOV 20 IN COPENHAGEN. DETAILS OF MARCH 16 FONMIN MEETING FOLLOWS, PER FRG REPORTING CABLE AND EC MINISTERS " DECISION SHEET". END SUMMARY

1. EC RELATIONS WITH CHINA. " DECISION SHEET" IN FONMINISTERS MEETING SAID EC NINE SHOULD ADOPT ATTITUDE TOWARD CHINA LOOKING TO DISCRETE ENCOURAGEMENT OF PEKING TO MAINTAIN ITS FAVORABLE DISPOSITION TOWARD EUROPEAN UNIFICATION. MINISTERS RECOGNIZED THAT, " IN THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND THE PRC, THE INITIATIVE BELONGS TO PEKING". FONOFF SOURCE SAID THIS NUANCED POLICY TOWARDS CHINA WAS REQUIRED IN LIGHT OF THE RELATIONS OF SOME MEMBER STATES WITH THE USSR.

2. MEMBER STATES RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. THE FONMINISTERS INSTRUCTED THE SUBGROUPS ON ASIA TO STUDY "(A) THE PRESENT STATE OF RELATIONS OF MEMBER STATES WITH THE TWO KOREAS AND, (B) THE ATTITUDE OF EC STATES ON THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING KOREA THAT WILL BE POSTED AT THE NEXT UNGA". FONOFF SOURCE SAID THERE WAS LITTLE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE
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ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS OF NORTH KOREA AND THAT

AT SCHEEL' S INITIATIVE THE MINISTERS
AGREED TO THE FORMULATION " PRESENT STATE OF
RELATIONS" AS OPPOSED TO EARLIER WORDING " POSSIBLE
MODIFICATION OF RELATIONS". SOURCE SAID THERE
WAS A NEARLY FULL CONSENSUS NOT TO DISTURB THE INNER- KOREAN
DIALOGUE BY UNILATERAL ACTS OF EC MEMBER STATES.
WHEN DANISH FONMIN INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT DANES
WOULD ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH PYONG YANG " IN NEAR
FUTURE", SIR ALEC REPLIED: " IT' S A PITY".

3. MIDEAST. ACCORDING TO DECISION SHEET, MINISTERS
INVITED WORKING GROUPS ON TERRORISM, CREATED BY
MINISTERS SEPT 12, 1972 AT FRASCATI, TO CONTINUE
THEIR WORK AND MAKE CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS
" AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE". PC WAS INSTRUCTED TO
CONTINUE CLOSELY TO FOLLOW EVOLUTION OF EVENTS
IN THE MIDEAST AND TO CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH EC
STATES WILL BE ABLE AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO EXERCISE
THEIR INFLUENCE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION ON THE BASIS
OF SECURITY COUNCIL RES-242; MINISTERS SAID
PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE
PALESTINE PROBLEM. FONOFF SOURCE SAID HE
IN FACT EXPECTS LITTLE TO COME OF CONSULTATIONS
BY WORKING GROUPS ON TERRORISM AND ALSO COMMENTED
THAT EC NINE MIDEAST WORKING GROUP REMAINS FAIRLY
MORIBUND.

4. AID TO STATES OF INDOCHINA. DECISION SHEET SAYS
NINE SHOULD CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT
AND THAT MINISTERS EXPRESSED FAVORABLE DECISION,
IN CASE IT IS POSSIBLE, TO PROCEED TO COORDINATE
THEIR ATTITUDES, PC WILL MAKE REPORT ON THAT
POSSIBILITY AT JUNE 5 MINISTERIAL MEETING. AS
INDICATED REFTTEL, PARA TWO, WE UNDERSTAND THAT
AID WILL BE GIVEN BILATERALLY.

5. US/ EUROPEAN RELATIONS. AFTER REPORT FROM FONMINISTER
THORN ON FEB 21 TALKS IN WASHINGTON
WITH DR. KISSINGER AND OTHER US OFFICIALS, SCHEEL
PROPOSED THAT EC NINE CONSIDER BEST METHOD OF
GAINING " GLOBAL VIEW" OF RELATIONS BETWEEN
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EC NINE AND US. FAIRLY LENGTHY DISCUSSION ENSUED
IN WHICH, ACCORDING TO FONOFF SOURCE, FRENCH
INDICATED RELUCTANCE TO ENGAGE IN INTENSIFIED
DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME. OUTCOME WAS THAT PC CHARGED
TO MAKE REPORT TO JUNE 5 FONMINISTERS MEETING ON

BEST METHOD TO GET A COMMON VIEW OF US/ EUROPEAN RELATIONS. WITH SUGGESTIONS FROM EC PERM REPS AND EC COMMISSION, PC WILL NOT ADDRESS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BUT WILL ADVISE MINISTERS ON HOW BEST TO APPROACH SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS.

6. SECOND DAVIGNON REPORT. MINISTERS HAD FIRST EXCHANGE ON SECOND DAVIGNON REPORT AND CHARGED PC TO PRESENT AT JUNE 5 FONMINISTERS MEETING A REPORT ON THE TOPIC PERMITTING DEEP DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF REPORT BY JUNE 30 DEADLINE SET IN OCTOBER PARIS SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. FONOFF SOURCE TELLS US THIS TOPIC AND CSCE WILL BE CENTER OF ATTENTION AT APRIL 11/12 PC MEETING IN BRUSSELS. SO FAR, OUR SOURCES SAY FRENCH ATTITUDES ON SUBJECT HAVE NOT CHANGED.

7. RELATIONS WITH COUNCIL OF EUROPE. FONMINISTERS ENDORSED PC WISH TO ASSURE CONTINUED ROLE FOR COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND TO STRENGTHEN TIES OF EIGHT NON- ALLIGNED MEMBERS TO EC NINE MEMBER STATES. MINISTERS APPROVED MANDATE TO PC TO PURSUE THESE EFFORTS AND TO COORDINATE EC NINE POSITIONS AT STRASBOURG. PC REQUESTED TO REPORT TO FONMINISTERS AT NEXT MEETING. (SEE BONN 2976 PARA 2 AND BONN 1025 PARA 9).
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